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caught up, even though we are short by one computer at the moment in our Tennessee office.

I do not know whether the lines in the previous paragraph are an adequate explanation for the slight delay. We hope that you will bear with us. Keep in mind that all officers of **ATS**, its committees and boards, function in an unpaid fashion as volunteers. We are privileged to have a small part in assisting in whatever way we can. To God be the glory.

Two major meetings of **ATS** have taken place since you received the last issue of **JATS**. The third **International ATS Convention** was held on March 7-9, 1991, in Keene, Texas, at Southwestern Adventist College and the College Church, with the theme of "Salvation and End Time Prophecy." This convention was held in conjunction with the quinquennial Southwestern Union Ministerial Session. Elder Cyril Miller, president of the Southwestern Union Conference, and his Union Committee requested that this **International ATS Convention** function simultaneously as the Southwestern Union's ministerial convention. You should have been there with the more than 1,000 **ATS** members, pastors, and visitors present. The sweet spirit of fellowship, the deep unity in faith, the joy in the Advent message, and the enrichment from deep Biblical topics that were presented created a lasting impression that has become a part of our very existence in Christ and our commitment to the Advent movement. I have just returned from the annual **ATS** convention in Kansas City, Kansas, Nov 21-23, 1991, which was attended primarily by Bible teachers from the USA, Canada and Mexico. Most of the papers on the topic of "Revelation and Inspiration" will be published within the next few months in an additional issue of **JATS**. Thus we plan to publish three issues of **JATS** in 1992. This will help us to be as current as possible and to catch up on the fine materials we have for publication. There will be no extra cost for this extra issue of **JATS** for our members and subscribers. You will appreciate this.

We wish to announce that the fourth **INTERNATIONAL ATS CONVENTION** will be convened on April 16-18, 1992, at Loma Linda, California. The opening session will be on April 16, 7:30 pm, at the Chan Auditorium of Loma Linda Academy (Elementary Complex) with Dr. Mario Veloso, General Conference, as key

note speaker with the topic "Salvation and the Adventist Faith and Mission." All topics relate to "Salvation" and Scripture, law, the sanctuary, Calvary, blood, obedience, forgiveness, mission, atonement, creation, health, the believer's pilgrimage, the Advent hope, and Ellen White. Among the speakers will be such well-known persons as Drs. G. Reid, N. Gulley, M. Hardinge, C. M. Maxwell, A. Roth, G. F. Hasel, R. M. Davidson, H. LaRondelle, C. R. Holmes, R. Springett, A. Rodriguez, L. Van Dolson, A. Mazat, and J. Blanco. Elder Mark Finley, Speaker-elect of the **It Is Written** television program, who will have just returned from Moscow where he is scheduled to have an evangelistic crusade in the very Kremlin Auditorium in March, will present the vespers program on Friday evening. Elder Thomas Mostert, president of the Pacific Union Conference, will preach on Sabbath morning. We invite you to attend this exciting and uplifting 1992 **INTERNATIONAL ATS CONVENTION** in Loma Linda, California.

There is so much more to report. New publication plans for a symposium on creation and science. A new book is available on **SPEAKING IN TONGUES** (see the tear-out form at the end of this **JOURNAL**), a hot topic among Adventists, as the first volume in the "Adventist Theological Society Monograph" series. If you wish to become a member of **ATS** or become a subscriber to **JATS**, turn to the end of the **JOURNAL** and use the other tear-out sheet.

The amount of \$38,000 which was donated by **ATS** members for our seminary in Czechoslovakia will be used in December 1991, so it is reported, in buying a choice property for a permanent location for this newly opened seminary. There had been a stop to any real estate transactions in Czechoslovakia until the end of October 1991.

We can see how the Lord is blessing the humble endeavors of **ATS**. We are grateful for His guidance and consider it a genuine privilege to work together with our Church leaders in common interests, so the Lord can be glorified and His mission can be furthered.

Yours cordially in Christ,

Gerhard F. Hasel